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1. AS INSTRUCTED, I BRIEFED FOREIGN SECRETARY SHAHNAWAZ
ON THE THIRD ROUND OF US-SOVIET TALKS ON INDIAN OCEAN,
DRAWING ON PARAS 1 THROUGH 9 OF REFTEL. FOREIGN
SECRETARY LISTENED CAREFULLY, SOUGHT CLARIFICATION OF
ISSUES IN DISPUTE, AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE
INFORMATION.

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2. CONVERSATION THEN RAMBLED OVER SEVERAL ISSUES,
SOME REPORTED SEPARATELY, OTHERS SUMMARIZED BELOW:

A. PRESIDENT CARTER VISIT TO INDIA. FOLLOWING
MY BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF RESULTS OF RECENT CHIEFS OQD
MISSION CONFERENCE IN KATHMANDU, FOREIGN SECRETARY
RETURNED TO WHAT EVEN HE DESCRIBED AS "THREADBARE"

THEME OF PAKISTANI CONCERN THAT PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO INDIA, AND RUMORED DECLARATION OF SOME SORT TO BE ANNOUNCED THERE, WILL CREATE "IMPRESSIONS IN INDIA AND ELSEWHERE" WHICH MIGHT ENCOURAGE INDIA TO PURSUE COURSES OF ACTION CONTRARY TO PAKISTAN'S INTERESTS. HE EXPRESSED SIMILAR CONCERN ABOUT UPCOMING VISIT TO INDIA OF SHAH OF IRAN AS WELL. COVERING WELL-TROD GROUND, I ATTEMPTED AGAIN TO REASSURE HIM THAT PAKISTAN'S CONCERNS ON THIS SCORE WERE WELL UNDERSTOOD AMONG THOSE IN WASHINGTON DEALING WITH THIS AREA AND WORKING ON PRESIDENT'S TRAVEL.

B. VISIT TO PAKISTAN OF BANGLADESH PRESIDENT. SHAHNAWAZ SIMPLY NOTED THAT VISIT HAD GONE AS GOP EXPECTED AND THAT THERE WAS NOTHING MORE TO IT THAN HAD APPEARED IN THE PRESS AND IN THE PUBLIC DOCUMENTS OF THE VISIT (SEPTEL). HE SAID HE THOUGH GOP WOULD AGREE TO ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION AS PROPOSED BY BANGLADESH PRESIDENT. PARENTHETICALLY, SHAHNAWAZ RECOUNTED THAT THE INDIAN AMBASSADOR HERE HAD APPEARED NOTICEABLY UNHAPPY WITH SOME OF THE VISIT RHETORIC, QUERULOUSLY ASKING FOREIGN SECRETARY TO EFFECT, "WHAT IS THIS GAME YOU TWO ARE PLAYING?" IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION, FOREIGN SECRETARY SAYS HE LEARNED THAT INDIAN HAD FOUND REFERENCES TO KASHMIR UNSETTLING. SHANAWAZ SAYS HE ATTEMPTED TO PUT CONFIDENTIAL

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DEVELOPMENTS INTO PERSPECTIVE, NOTED THAT KASHMIR IS ALWAYS MENTIONED BY SOMEONE OR OTHER--EVEN IN THE SIMLA ACCORD--AND THAT INDIA, AS THE MUCH STRONGER POWER, SHOULD NOT WORRY SO MUCH ABOUT ITS SMALLER NEIGHBORS. REPORTEDLY MOLLIFIED, INDIAN AMBASSADOR THEN MADE MUCH OF INDIA'S DESIRE FOR IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH PAKISTAN, OF WHICH HE IS A WELL-KNOWN ADVOCATE. HE NOTED FOREIGN MINISTER A.B. VAJPAYEE HOPES VERY MUCH TO VISIT ISLAMABAD; SHAHNAWAZ REPLIED THAT GOP WOULD BE PREPARED INVITE VAJPAYEE TO ISLAMABAD WHENEVER HE MAKES KNOWN HIS PREFERENCE RE TIMING.

C. CINCPAC VISIT TO PAKISTAN. I REMINDED FOREIGN SECRETARY THAT WE ARE STILL AWAITING GOP APPROVAL OF CINCPAC'S PROPOSED PLAN TO VISIT PAKISTAN (JAN.31-FEB.3, 1978); HE WAS KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT THE PROPOSAL, SPOKE WARMLY OF THE RECENT CNO VISIT, AND PROMISED AN EARLY REPLY.

D. PAKISTAN'S REQUEST FOR ECONOMIC EXPERTS. REFERRING BRIEFLY TO AMBASSADOR YAQOOB KHAN'S RECENT CONVERSATION WITH THE SECRETARY IN WASHINGTON, SHAHNAWAZ SPECIFICALLY NOTED REQUEST FOR US ECONOMIC

EXPERTS AND HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT USG PREFERS TO CARRY
ON FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ON THIS PROPOSAL IN ISLAMABAD.
I SAID THAT WHILE I HAD NO FURTHER WORD ON THIS FROM
WASHINGTON (DEPTEL THIS SUBJECT HAD NOT THEN ARRIVED)
I WAS SURE THAT GOP'S REQUEST WOULD RECEIVE SYMPATHETIC
CONSIDERATION. I ALLUDED TO NEED FOR US TO KEEP IN
STEP WITH WORLD BANK AND INTERNATIONAL DONOR COMMUNITY
ON MATTERS OF THIS SORT AND SAID WE WOULD APPRECIATE
WHATEVER ADDITIONAL DETAILS GOP COULD PROVIDE TO ASSIST
US IN BEING RESPONSIVE.
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